

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Elmen-dorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN IN ADVERSITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine a review of United States foreign assistance for children in adversity, after receiving testimony from Donald Steinberg, Deputy Administrator, and Neil Boothby, Special Advisor for Children in Adversity, both of the United States Agency for International Development; Caroline Ryan, Deputy Coordinator for Technical Leadership, Office of the United States Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State; Susan Bissell, United Nations Children's Fund, New York, New York; Jedd Medefind, Christian Alliance for Orphans, McLean, Virginia; Phillip Goldman, Maestral International, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Charles Nelson, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress, including S. 892, to amend the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 to impose sanctions with respect to certain transactions in foreign currencies, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Brian C. Deese, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RAECHEL AND JACQUELINE HOUCK SAFE RENTAL CAR ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine S. 921, to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, after receiving testimony from David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Sharon Faulkner, American Car Rental Association, Clifton Park, New York; Rosemary Shahan, Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, Sacramento, California; Mitch Bainwol, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.; Peter Welch, National Automobile Dealers Association, McLean, Virginia; and Carol Houck, Ojai, California.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine what the next applications are for natural gas and how this new demand will be met, focusing on domestic supply and natural gas exports, after receiving testimony from Christopher Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council, Charles Ebinger, The Brookings Institution, and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Pat Outtrim, Cheniere Energy, Inc., Austin, Texas; Deborah Rogers, EnergyPolicyForum, Fort Worth, Texas; E. Harry Vidas, ICF International, Fairfax, Virginia; John Mohlis, The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Portland; and Octavio Simoes, Sempra Energy, San Diego, California.

IRS AND 501(c)(4) APPLICATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a review of criteria used by the IRS to identify 501(c)(4) applications for greater scrutiny, after receiving testimony from Steven Miller, Acting Commissioner, and Douglas Shulman, former Commissioner, both of the Internal Revenue Service, and J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 960, to foster stability in Syria, with amendments; and

S. Res. 143, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in the efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2013.

AFGHANISTAN'S 2014 ELECTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the prospect for Afghanistan's 2014 elections, after receiving testimony from David D. Pearce, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; David Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia; and Andrew Wilder, United States Institute of Peace, Sarah Chayes, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Max Boot, Council on Foreign Relations, all of Washington, D.C.

OFFSHORE PROFIT SHIFTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

concluded a hearing to examine offshore profit shifting and the United States tax code, after receiving testimony from Samuel M. Maruca, Director, Transfer Pricing Operations, Internal Revenue Service, and Mark J. Mazur, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, both of the Department of the Treasury; Stephen E. Shay, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; J. Richard Harvey, Jr., Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania; and Timothy D. Cook, Peter Oppenheimer, and Phillip A. Bullock, all of Apple, Inc., Cupertino, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued consideration of S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2061–2081; 1 private bill, H.R. 2082; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 37; and H. Res. 229–230 were introduced. **Pages H2837–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2839–40**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 228, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–88). **Page H2837**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2805**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2809**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Pastor Mark Turner, South Valley Community Church, Gilroy, California. **Page H2809**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013: H.R. 1412, amended, to improve and increase

the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 164;

Pages H2813–15, H2830

American Heroes COLA Act: H.R. 570, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; **Pages H2815–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.”. **Page H2817**

Granting the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War